

New Norway School Council Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2023

In attendance: Kelly Arial, (Principal), Steve Searle (Assistant Principal), Nancy E. (Chair), Corry P. (Vice-Chair), Courtney W. (Secretary), Carmen W., Dannel Y., Crystal S., Jamie J., Melva B., Mark A., Sara M.

1. Call to order: 5:33 p.m.
2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
 - Corry adopted the agenda, 2nd by Carmen. Adopted by all.
3. Minutes from previous meeting
 - Corry adopted the minutes, 2nd by Jamie. Adopted by all.
4. School Council SGF Report
 - After the hot lunch later this week SGF will hold approximately \$6,500.
 - Clarification on fundraising. School Council can fundraise but fundraisers are limited. Cannot do casino's, raffles, etc.
 - There is no competition between Elevate Foundation & School Council fundraising.
 - Clarification on motions and voting. Any parent and/or guardian can make a motion. Any motion has to have a seconder. Any parent and/or guardian can vote.
5. Principal Report
 - Literacy Night (November 22) to engage parents/kids with activities. Bring a book/take a book, bingo card for stations, etc. Most activities will be in the gym.
 - A book library has been ordered to place out front of the school.
 - Call for coaches has gone out – currently there are enough coaches for basketball to begin.
 - Christmas concert will be December 14 @ 6:00 pm.
 - Gwen's retirement – December 20, 2023. Celebrating every day with different activities including student cards, alumni messages, pictures and a cake at the turkey dinner on December 20.
6. Old Business
 - 6.1 ASCA engagement survey:
 - ASCA survey to promote parent engagement in school council.
 - Survey would go out to all parents/guardians.
 - Survey includes 7 pre-determined questions that ASCA has declared well received.
 - Do you currently participate with school council? Why or why not?
 - Understanding of school council and barriers to participating.
 - Other options on how to use the \$500 ASCA engagement grant:
 - Incentives for filling out survey.
 - Google survey for more specialized questions.
 - Could start a google doc for brain storming questions.
 - Hold information table at Numeracy Night or P/T Interviews in the Spring.

6.2 Treat Bags

- Nancy will purchase the items.
- Prepare at school on December 13 at 1:30 pm.

6.3 Payton Memorial

- Buddy bench surrounded by 5 shrubs. Location to be near staff parking lot.

Corry made a motion to spend up to \$1,500 for a memorial bench, seconded by Carmen. All in favor, carried.

7. New Business

7.1 Gwen's Retirement

- School Council will purchase cakes, gift card and a flower arrangement for Gwen. Cake will be served at turkey lunch. Gift card and flower arrangement will be given at a lunch with Gwen on December 15.

Corry made a motion to spend up to \$200 for gift card, flower arrangement and cakes for Gwen's retirement, seconded by Jamie. All in favor, carried.

7.2 Staff Funding Request Forms

- Requests include year book support/subsidizing, bussing costs for Mr. Kluthe, junior high Drumheller trip, high school ski trip, grades 4, 5, 6 ski trip.

Corry made a motion to spend up to \$150 in bussing costs for Mr. Kluthe's events, seconded by Crystal. All in favor, carried.

Corry made a motion to allocate \$500 to the junior high Drumheller trip, \$500 to junior high ski trip, \$500 to elementary ski trip and \$1000 to high school ski trip, seconded by Dannel. Voted, carried.

7.3 Christmas Meal Parent Volunteers

- December 20, 2023 New Norway School is hosting a turkey dinner for the entire school. Asking for volunteers with some of the prepping help and to serve the meals so that the entire staff is able to sit with the students.
- Volunteers for prep on the 19th, peel potatoes, 20th for cooking and mashing, corn, gravy and serving.
- Email Nancy if you can help at any of these times.

Carmen made a motion, that if asked to help subsize the meal, to spend up to \$200, seconded by Jamie. All in favor, carried.

7.4 Operating Procedures Review

- Student on Leadership has been invited to join School Council Meetings.
- Reviewed November 21, 2023.

8. Round Table

- ### 8.1 Kahoot game at the start of Christmas Concert. Message to have Kahoot app downloaded will go out beforehand. Winner of the game will get the best seat in the house. In an effort to engage the audience.

8.2 January meeting has been requested. Felt it was quite a bit of time between November meeting and February meeting. Agreed to host a virtual meeting on January 16, 2024 at 5:30.

Date of next meeting: January 16, 2024 @ 5:30 (virtual only)
 February 13, 2024 @ 5:30
 April 9, 2024 @ 5:30

6 Adjournment: 7:26 p.m.